



## COVID-19 Resources

Each Friday Virginia Health Catalyst shares the latest oral health-related COVID-19 resources. For additional information visit the Catalyst [COVID-19 resource page](#).

### Front Line Innovations Blog Series - Policy Changes to Improve Oral Health

This week Governor Northam reported nearly [30,000 adults](#) in Virginia have enrolled in Medicaid since March. In our latest [Front Line Innovations blog](#), Pat Finnerty, Catalyst's policy committee chair and a former director of the state's Medicaid program looks at federal policy innovations that could improve access to oral health care in Virginia for the over 400,000 adults enrolled in Medicaid.

The most recent [blog](#) in the series provides an overview of federal policy innovations that, if enacted, could support state efforts to improve access to oral health services. Specifically: an increase to the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP), and funding for state health departments and oral health programs to support oral health infrastructure. Pat shares how these policies could improve access to oral health care now and in the future.

If you have an innovative way to improve access to or delivery of oral health care please contact [Lauren Sawyer](#) to showcase your work in an upcoming blog.

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### Additional Resources

- [Policy Cheat Sheet: Translating COVID-19's Impact on Medicaid Policy](#) (Centers for Health Care Strategies)

To understand emerging policies during the pandemic, CHCS is offering this new resource to provide a clear, digestible, and informal way to clarify COVID-19's impact on select Medicaid policies. The first resource in the series addresses how to support providers who accept Medicaid.

- [Re-opening Dental Practices during COVID-19: Legal Analysis](#) (Feldesman, Tucker, Liefer, Fidell)

This memo, authored in partnership with NACHC, provides considerations for health centers in determining the re-opening of dental services. It answers questions clinics may have on the guidelines available from federal and national organizations.

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